in favour Municipal Corporation, Delhi and the said amount has not been collected so far; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken for recouping the financial position of Municipal Corporation, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In view of (a) above, question does not arise. However, directions were issued to the Delhi Administration to ensure that the payments due to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi are made by the N.D.M.C.

Incident of tigress bite in Delhi zoo

1510. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of biting by a tigress has recently taken place in the Delhi Zoo;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether adequate security arrangements are not available in the Zoo;

(d) whether it is also a fact that First Aid Facility is also not available at the Zoo; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to provide necessary medical facilities at the Zoo in the event of any mishap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 20-3-1988 a child named Nitin crossed the protective railing of the White Tigers enclosure and put his right hand through the bars into the enclosure. The white tigress which had cubs, charged and bit off the child's hand close to the shoulder. The child was taken to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences for treatment.

(c) Security arrangements are adequate.

(d) and (e) First aid for minor cases of injury is provided in the Zoo. However, major cases like the one which occurred on 20-3-1988 cannot be handled at the Zoo and have to be handled at appropriate hospitals.

Irrigation projects in Orissa

1511. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRI JAGDISH JANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major and medium irrigation projects proposed to be set up in Orissa during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the details of the projects completed/under completion;

(c) the details of projects abandoned, if any; and

(d) the reasons for abandoing them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) 8 major and 30 medium projects are under implementation in the Seventh Plan. Of these, 2 major and 15 medium projects are expected to be completed during the Seventh Plan period.

(c) and (d) The State Government have nit reported abandoned of any project as such.

Modvat benefit for aerated water industry

1512. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MODVAT benefit was given to aerated water industry in 1987 because of the increase in excise;

(b) if so, whether the benefit is still continuing; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Central Excise duty on aerated waters was increased in 1987 Budget. The benefit of MODVAT was simultaneously extended to aerated waters.

(b) and (c) It was observed that the increase in the wholesale and the retail prices of aerated waters immediately after 1987 budget was much higher than what was warranted by the above changes. In the circumstances, it was considered that there was no need to continue the benefit under the MODVAT scheme in the case of aerated waters and accordingly, it was withdrawan with effect from the 1st October, 1987.

Production by spinning mills in Orissa

1513. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some spinning mills set up in Orissa have started commercial production;

(b) if so, what are the names of those mills and since when commercial production commenced in those spinning mills; and

(c) what is the caapacity of those mills and to what extent production has started in those mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) In the absence of definite period to which the question relates, it is difficult to furnish the information asked for.

Financial assistance given by banks in Orissa

1514. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total financial assistance given by banks in Orissa to beneficiaries of the 20-Point Programme so far;

(b) how does it compare with other States; and

(c) what is the rate of recovery of these loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) According to latest information available with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the outstanding advances of the public sector banks in Orissa under the Twenty Point Programme (TPP) were Rs. 186.17 crores in 5.11 lakh borrowal accounts. RBI has reported that, by and large, the performance of banks in providing credit under the Programme in Orissa compares favourably with the performance in other States.

(c) RBI has reported that the present information system does not generate separate data on recovery of loans granted under 20-Point Programme.

Supply of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu

1515. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government requested the Central Government to intervene in the Cauvery Water Dispute between Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry;

(b) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government ignored previous agreement which was entered into between the Karnataka and Tamil Nadu Government; and

(c) what steps the Government of India have taken for the supply of Cauvery Water to Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry for irrigation purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Some projects have been taken up in Karnataka without clearance by the Planning Commission. Karnataka